## MEN AND WOMEN AT SEA IN ELECTION FIGHT

Los Angeles Faction Leaders, Male and Female, Say the Real Trouble Lies in the "Silent Vote."

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 13.—With the most remarkable campaign in the history of an American municipality at fever heat, the faction leaders, male and female, admitted they are at sea as to the result. While working tooth and nail to ensure the election of their Mayoralty candidates, they are fearful, and, as a result, personalities of the bitterest type are being indulged in.

If rioting does not mar election day, December 5th, those directly in charge of the machinery will

be surprised.

The real trouble lies in the "Silent vote." This is enormous, more than one-half of the registration, 191,000 having been enrolled since the primaries, when Job Harriman, Socialist-Labor union candidate, led George Alexander, the incumbent, by more than three thousand votes.

Since the primaries nearly 100,-000 new voters have been enrolled, 83,336 are women who will cast their first ballot since the State enfranchised them.

And this is the vote that no one can get lines on. While the extreme society type announced when registering that its members would support Alexander and the working woman declared for Harriman, three quarters of the total declined to express any

preference. And this silent vote, the greatest in the history of any community in American political history, will decide the election.

The business men are attacking Job Harriman by declaring the city's credit will be ruined if he is elected. They say that bonds for big municipal improvements, notably the harbor project and the water aqueduction cannot be sold to the big bond houses if the Socialists win.

To contravene this, the Socialists have flooded the city with statements that under Seidel, a Socialist Mayor, the city of Milwaukee, is more prosperous than ever before, and that a score of New York bond houses will take over all bonds issued by Los Angeles whenever offered no matter who is elected mayor.

The two chief leaders of the women, one a Socialist and the other an advocate of Alexander, summed the situation for the United Press in the following

statements:

By Mrs. Frank E. Wolfe.
President Women's Socialist
Club.

"The women of the Progressive League have referred to our workers as 'red necks.' These club and society women may be able to quote Shakespeare by the yard, but when they be up against a working woman when it came to a discussion on the live issue of the day."

By Mrs. George L. Cule. President Women's Progressive League.

With Lincoln, I do not believe